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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 21, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 22 (marked up version attached in Appendix), such that pending claims 1-24 are as follows:

1. A slider for supporting a transducing head proximate a rotating disc, the slider comprising:

a slider body, including a primary air bearing and a secondary air bearing, the slider body having a disc opposing face bounded by a leading edge and a trailing edge wherein the transducing head is located on the disc opposing face proximate the trailing edge and on the secondary air bearing; and
means for permitting vertical movement of the transducing head with respect to the slider body in response to local disc surface topography to maintain head media spacing (HMS) between the transducing head and the disc substantially constant as the slider flies above the disc.